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CERAMIC ELEMENT COMPRISING A HOMOGENOUS  
CERAMIC LAYER AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF SAID CERAMIC ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.